

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-052-C – ORDER NO. 98-443

JUNE 12, 1998

IN RE: Application of Peoples Telephone Company for	)	ORDER
Approval of a Limited Asset Transfer to Talton	)	GRANTING
Communications of Carolina, Inc. and Appli-	)	EXPEDITED
cation of Talton Telecommunications of Carolina,	)	REVIEW AND
Inc. to Continue to Provide Inmate Pay Telephone	)	APPROVING
and Related Services Via the Acquired Assets.	)	APPLICATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion for Expedited Review of the Application in this Docket.

Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. (Peoples) and Talton Telecommunications (Talton)(together, the Applicants) filed an Application with this Commission seeking (1) approval of a limited asset transfer from Peoples to Talton; (2) any additional authority necessary, if any, for Talton to continue to operate the purchased assets as a provider of inmate pay telephone services and related services; and (3) approval of Talton Carolina, Inc.'s name change to Talton Telecommunications of Carolina, Inc. The Commission's Executive Director instructed the Applicants to publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas, one time. The Commission has received affidavits showing that the Applicants followed the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed. The Applicants have also filed verified testimony to support the Application.

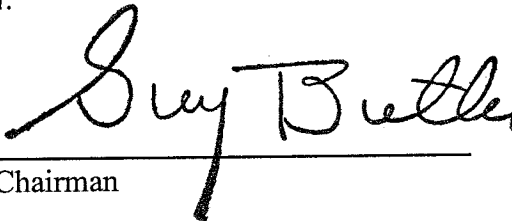
Accordingly, the Applicants state that considering the nature of the transactions, and the fact that no opposition to the Application has been filed, the transactions should be approved, based on the record and without the necessity of a hearing.

We grant the Motion for Expedited Review, based on the factors as stated above. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310 (Supp. 1997), however, calls for “due hearing” before such transfer may be approved. Considering the present transaction, though, we hold that the Commission’s weekly agenda meeting of June 9, 1998, wherein this matter was considered and the verified testimony proffered satisfies the “due hearing “ requirement of the statute.

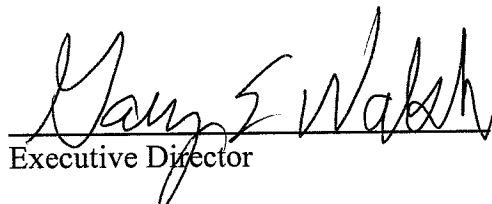
A review of the entire record of this case convinces us that the Application is in the public interest and should be granted. The limited asset transfer from Peoples to Talton is approved. Although we are not convinced a modification of Talton’s certificate is totally necessary, we hereby grant modification to Talton to whatever extent necessary to allow it to provide the service to remove any doubt. Also, the proposed name change is approved.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the  
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director  
(SEAL)